

Ben Hur, the Greatest Picture Ever Made, From the Greatest Book of the Kind Ever Written, Will Be at Oregon for Three Days City Gets Another Fire Engine This Week, Making Possible Repair of Present One, Then Residence District Protection Soon

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## UNEMPLOYMENT TO BE COUNCIL MEETING TOPIC

### Important Matters Face Aldermen Monday Night; Incinerator Waits

## BID OPENING SCHEDULED

### Problem of Idleness Principally Among Transients, Claimed By Some; Anti-Music Ordinance Said Doomed

Opening of bids on sewer pipe and fire hose, consideration of the ordinance prohibiting the playing of musical instruments and radios on public street, passage of resolutions covering salary increases, and reading of reports from city officers concerning work of the past year, are some of the business items scheduled to come before the city council at the regular meeting Monday evening.

Location of the incinerator will not be an issue at the meeting, Alderman Dancy, chairman of the committee, said yesterday. The committee is now considering seven sites, some of which were proposed by W. C. Winslow, local attorney. None of them are satisfactory, Dancy may not even be at the meeting, he said, as he has another engagement that evening.

Some means of alleviating the unemployment condition may be considered. It is understood that Mayor Livesley will urge immediate action on certain improvement projects. It has been suggested that men be placed with pick and shovel at cleaning out ditches when high water diminishes, instead of using the dredging machines.

It is contended in some quarters that the unemployment condition is not as bad as pictured. Dozens of people of the hobo type have come into Salem during the past few weeks, expecting aid from the city, and many of those seeking jobs are of this type.

### Ordinance Doomed

The proposed ordinance seeking to stop merchants from playing musical instruments by the ordinance committee. The ordinance is too general and inclusive.

## FORTY REBELS DIE, NICARAGUA

### MARINE CORPS AIRPLANE SQUADRON MAKES ATTACK

#### Bombs, Hand Grenades and Machine Guns Used in Offensive Against Natives

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 14 (AP)—Forty rebels were killed today by a marine corps airplane squadron that attacked El Chipote, stronghold of General Augustino Sandino, the squadron's commander, Major "Rusty" Howell reported tonight.

The aviators hid 5,000 feet in the air behind clouds and dived down when opportunity offered to drop bombs, fire machine guns and even throw hand grenades. This is believed here to be the first time hand grenades ever were used from airplanes.

The squadron left Managua early this morning for El Chipote, Sandino's mountain stronghold which is itself 5,000 feet above sea level. El Chipote is nearly 20 miles southeast of Quaili which marines recently captured from the rebel general in the costliest battle since they came to Nicaragua.

Waiting above drifting clouds the planes would dart into clear atmosphere, circle low enough for Sandino's position to become distinctly visible and drop bombs. They would then sweep lower and strafe the rebels with machine guns and hand grenades. These tactics were followed time and again with what the squadron considered satisfactory disastrous results.

Sandino had two anti-aircraft guns which kept peppering away at the planes which were also strafing for severe rifle fire. One plane was struck twice by bullets which almost hit the pilot.

Major Rowell had some engine trouble and thought for a while he might have to land in enemy territory.

The air men were elated over today's expedition, which they considered the most severe strafing yet given Sandino.

## LINDY TO TAKE VACATION TRIP

### AMERICAN AIR HERO GIVEN WELL EARNED REST

#### Several Days To Be Spent Near Little Village of Bouquete in Panama

PANAMA, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Free for the moment of the continuous rounds of receptions and functions that have marked his good will visit to Mexico and Central America, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh tonight was on vacation the first real opportunity for rest he has had since he left Washington Dec. 13.

The American air hero, accompanied by several of his fellow aviators in the American army, left Colon at 9:40 a. m. this morning and two hours later the post of operations at France field of the American army had word that he had landed safely in the little village of Bouquete, about 200 miles from Panama where he will spend four or five days before continuing on to Caracas, Venezuela, enroute to the Pan-American conference at Havana.

Bouquete is a tiny village in the heart of the province of Chiriqui within the shadow of Barú volcano which has been extinct for four or five hundred years. The village is about 4,000 feet above sea level and is not far from David, capital of the province.

The ordinary means of transportation for getting there are by cattle boat up the Chiriqui river, a matter of about forty hours, or by air.

In Bouquete there is a tavern of sorts operated by an old time canal digger known as Joe Wright who grows fruit, houses his frequent guests and plans to harness a stream rushing down nearby to operate an electric plant for his "hotel."

There are big coffee plantations in the region and in the bush tapers and mountain lions and deer provide excellent hunting. There are also Central American tigers, ducks, and wild turkeys. The temperature is always cool. The men who accompanied the American flier frequently hunt in the region and Colonel Lindbergh probably will spend his time hunting and fishing.

While Colonel Lindbergh was on his vacation, Panama City today turned its attention to entertainment of the famous French fliers, Dieudonne Costes and Joseph Lebriz, who arrived here yesterday from Quayaquil, Ecuador.

## BOYS DECLARED THIEVES

### Four in Jail; Assortment of Alleged Loot Recovered

Articles declared to be many of those which people have reported stolen from their automobiles, lined the desk at the police station last night while four boys, charged with an extensive series of thefts, occupied cells in the city jail.

The boys are Paddy Barry, 709 Oak street; Tracy Baler, 1720 Lee; Macel Sills, 555 Center street and Raymond Stoutenberg, Dayton.

## VALUATIONS INCREASED

### Property Values up More Than Two Million in County

Total assessed valuation of property in Marion county increased from \$45,897,527 in 1922 to \$47,671,519 in 1923, according to report made public yesterday by Oscar Steelhammer, Marion county assessor. This is an increased valuation of \$1,863,746 for the county.

In the city of Salem valuations for the two years were: 1922, \$16,939,161; 1923, \$18,211,269. This is an increase of \$1,272,892.

The Salem city levy however, increased only 1.5 mills between the two years. This is despite the million dollar improvement program that is being put over by the city, including new sewer system, fire equipment, incinerator and new bridges.

## PUMPKINS SAID DOOMED

### Four Marker System Speeds Up Traffic Without Danger

The new system of guiding traffic installed at Commercial and State streets recently is proving successful in speeding it up without danger of accident. It is quite likely that the four markers will be installed at every intersection in the near future to replace the one center "pumpkin."

"The new plan is working out well in every way," said Chief Minuto yesterday. It has speeded up traffic considerably.

## PUMPER COMING FOR CITY'S USE EARLY IN WEEK

### Fire Engine Provided Temporarily Until New One Ordered Is Built

## BETTER PROTECTION DUE

### As Soon as Present Engine Repaired, Council Committee Plans to Place It in Residence District For Use

An 800-gallon Seagrave fire pumper was loaded on a freight car at San Francisco yesterday and will be in Salem early this week, according to Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman of the fire and water committee.

The defective truck in the department will be placed in a local machine shop immediately upon arrival of the utility truck, and two mechanics assigned to its repair. It was decided to make the repairs locally instead of elsewhere when the fire department was offered use of the local shop. The truck can be repaired in four or five weeks and it will then be available for placement in an outlying district engine house.

The truck shipped from San Francisco yesterday is not the one ordered by the city but it is being sent by the Seagrave corporation as a courtesy and convenience to Salem pending the construction according to specifications of the 1,000 gallon pumper on which the firm was successful bidder. The regular truck should be in Salem within 50 days, according to J. F. Critben, branch manager.

Expansion Planned  
If the city council will vote sufficient money to purchase another truck immediately, Alderman

## HE'S FOR ENFORCEMENT

### Deputy Sheriff Willing to Pay Fine, But Not Assessed

"I'm Deputy Sheriff Clem of Albany, I'm number 23042. I'm strictly for law enforcement. Here's a tag which says I parked over time. What's the fine?" said all in one breath, a six foot four individual who marched into Judge Poulsen's police court yesterday afternoon, bearing a familiar looking yellow tag.

Clem finally explained that the delay in leaving the curb was due to a dentist taking too much time in working on the big man's tooth, so Judge Poulsen said he was willing to forego the fine.

## SEEK RECALL OF BOARD

### New Move Launched Against Woman Principal at Newport

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Preliminary steps toward the recall of the Newport school board were to be launched today, according to Mayor J. J. Tobin of that city. School patrons and students are dissatisfied with the board's action in employing a woman principal. Mr. Tobin was a former member of the city council here.

## BIRTHDAY REFLECTIONS



## THRIFT PROGRAM BEGINS TUESDAY

### GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS WEEK FRANKLIN MODEL

Schools and Other Organizations Adopt Plan; Statesman Will Aid

Governor Patterson by official proclamation Saturday set apart January 17 to 23 as Thrift week in Oregon. The former date is the 22nd anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

During the week the governor urges that schools, churches and all other civic and educational agencies "give consideration to the importance of the thrifty husbandry of private possession and the careful conservation of public resources." The Statesman will cooperate with other Salem institutions in the observance of Thrift week, by publishing on Tuesday morning a Thrift week special section in the regular edition. Local business houses will encourage the principle of thrift in their advertising.

Special Thrift programs at the public schools, the churches, and luncheon clubs are being arranged under direction of the Y. M. C. A. The Salem Teachers' council went on record last week favoring observance of the week and each school is asked to work out its own plan.

Ninety-six public school children, two boys and two girls from each building, will be conducted on a special inspection tour of Salem banks. An officer of each bank inspected will explain workings of the institution to the favored children. The delegates from each school will be selected on the basis of regard for thrift.

## CHURCHES CONSOLIDATE

### Baptists and Christians Join Together at Hermiston

HERMISTON, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—A trial fusion of the Baptist and Christian churches of Hermiston has been entered into an effort to combine the membership and resources of the two bodies, according to an announcement made by Rev. A. J. Ware, pastor of the Baptist church.

If the trial unification of the two bodies proves successful, the merger will be made permanent.

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## 9 PAPER FIRMS EYE THIS STATE

### MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WANT LOCATIONS HERE

Stumpage Supply and Water Facilities Being Studied by Various Concerns

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Nine pulp and paper manufacturing companies, well established in other parts of the United States and financially able to take care of themselves are eyeing Oregon for probable locations for new mills. Announcement of the intention of one of these companies to build may be expected within ten days, it was said at the Portland chamber of commerce today.

These firms are studying stumpage supply and water facilities, and considering available sites in this region, chamber officials said.

Some of the pulp and paper prospects are looking at this territory, it is believed, because of the study made here last summer by Dr. Hugh P. Baker, secretary of the American Paper and Pulp association. In his report, which has been received in booklet form by the chamber, Dr. Baker says: "With the northwestern forests a reservoir of future pulp wood with an equable climate favoring industrial development, and with factors of water power and transportation equaling those of the east and south there can be no question of large development of the paper and pulp industry in the northwest in the years to come."

Some of the nine prospective pulp and paper manufacturing mills have had representatives in Portland recently. Others are expected within 60 days.

Extensive reports on raw materials, power and transportation facilities here are being prepared for the prospects by the chamber's industries department.

Available sites in a considerable area surrounding Portland are being investigated. One group of prospective manufacturers was taken to see Astoria's advantages.

## RED ACTIVITIES CURBED

### Police Break Up Communist Demonstration By Navy Yard

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Police broke up a demonstration outside the gates of the Brooklyn navy yard today when 400 men and women paraded in protest against American intervention in Nicaragua.

The marchers described themselves with placards and leaflets as members of the Young Workers League and the Workers (Communist) Party.

S. W. Gerson, whom police described as a leader in the demonstration was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and attempting to incite a riot.

The paraders were dispersed by mounted police three times before the demonstration ended. In their final effort, police used their clubs on those who refused to move on.

## FEELING AT HIGH PITCH

### Police at Flint, Mich., Refuse to Tell of Captures

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 14.—(AP) Due to the frame of mind of citizens, stirred to a high pitch by the kidnaping and slaying of 5-year old Dorothy Schneider near Mount Morris, police tonight decided against giving out further information regarding the progress of the search for the slayer.

One man was severely beaten here today by fellow workers of Leslie Schneider, father of the slain child, when in discussing the case he is said to have made a remark which angered his attackers.

Twenty suspects were arrested today but most of them were released after establishing alibis.

## HUBBY QUITE OBLIGING

### Too Anxious to Separate From Her, Portland Woman Says

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—That her husband became so anxious to separate from her he compiled an eligible list of men which he carefully ran over from day to day in an effort to find another man whom his wife, after divorcing him, could marry, was charged in a divorce complaint filed by attorneys Ira Scheffel against Roy Schell. The wife also charges that her husband developed a mania for going on the stage and that he told her she was inferior to him and not fitted for his station in life.

## GOOD WILL AIM OF EXPEDITION SAYS COOLIDGE

### Administration Nevertheless Prepared to Stand Pat On Nicaragua

## NO TROUBLE EXPECTED

### Problems Relative to Western Hemisphere to be Worked Out Harmoniously at Pan-American Congress

ABOARD PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S SPECIAL TRAIN ENROUTE TO KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The American delegation to the Pan-American congress in Havana will seek firmly to establish there a spirit of good will in which to solve common problems of the new world, free from all suspicion of aggressiveness and dictation.

It was made clear tonight on the special train carrying President Coolidge to the congress that the American delegation will stand squarely on the policy which the Washington government has professed for many years, claiming no special privileges and undesirous of imposing any selfish aims.

Ready to Stand Pat  
In addition it was stated authoritatively that the delegation, headed by Charles Evans Hughes, is prepared to face any repercussion from the present American policy in Nicaragua which involved sending of marines to that nation. The viewpoint of the Washington government, it was made known, will be presented upon the double consideration that the trouble in the Central American republic denotes no quarrel with the Nicaraguan government, and upon the United States policy of encouraging stable and constitutional regimes in the Caribbean.

American obligations under the 1923 five power treaty, it was stated, precluded indifference on the part of the United States to

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## DURATION FLIGHT ATTEMPT FAILS

### CHAMBERLYN AND WILLIAMS FORCED TO COME DOWN

Fuel Gives Out; New Effort to Be Made Tomorrow to Establish Record

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Undaunted by failure today to establish a new record for duration flying after a grueling struggle of 51 hours, 51 minutes, 24 seconds, Clarence D. Chamberlin and Roger Q. Williams tonight were planning to start their third joint attempt at dawn Monday.

The fliers came down out of the skies at 2:04 p. m. today, having taken off at 10:20 a. m. Thursday in an effort to break the present world record of 52 hours, 22 minutes and 31 seconds, held by Germany.

Their fuel became exhausted. They were hollow-eyed from fatigue and disappointed at their second defeat this week but their fighting spirits, put to the test after long hours of sickness, cold and hunger, remained unshaken.

Barely two hours after they were forced to land for lack of fuel, they were making plans for their third duration flight attempt instead of getting the sleep they had been looking forward to.

The fliers reached their decision in their rooms at a hotel in Garden City where they had gone to get food and rest. Having made up their minds, they immediately donned their oil-smeared flying clothes again, motored to Mitchell field and prepared to fly their monoplane to Curtis field, nearby, to have it reconditioned.

The grim determination with which they had staved off defeat to the last was revealed when they described how they had discarded every piece of excess weight they could.

Ground observers who had read of their thrilling struggle to stay aloft, as described in notes dropped to the ground at frequent intervals were astonished at the

## KOZER PUTS UP PLAN TO SAVE EXPENDITURES

### Too Many Now Connected With State Administration, Indication

Number Used Almost as Many as Total in Army Service From Oregon During World War, Assertion Made

A plan having for its ultimate object the conservation of public funds, and operating through the co-ordination of state activities, was proposed by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, in a statement prepared here today. In connection with the statement, the secretary pointed to the number of persons in Oregon who are directly or indirectly connected with the conduct of the various governmental activities.

"The total closely approaches the number of Oregon men and women who served in the armed forces of the United States during the world war," the secretary of state said.

"Public Servants Increase  
"The number of persons in public service in Oregon is increasing rapidly, and seems to be approaching the percentages applying to the city of Philadelphia where there is one employe to each 100 inhabitants.

"In the light of this situation, should not steps be taken to the end that costs of operating our government machinery and activities shall not be disproportionate to the results desired to be obtained?

"Taxes levied for strictly state purposes in 1917 aggregated \$2,699,250, while in 1922 these taxes totaled \$5,226,207.10. Taxes for general county expenses in 1917 totaled \$4,363,466.78 as against \$3,711,528.89 in 1922. The tax for all school purposes in the counties in 1917 was \$6,800,593.19 while in 1922 this tax had increased to \$17,884,034.91.

Road Taxes Jump  
"In 1917 there was raised by taxation for road purposes the amount of \$2,659,123.20 while for the year 1922, including market roads, the tax increased to \$5,668,873.78. These road taxes were levied in the counties and did not include the motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes demanded for the construction of state highways.

"In the past ten years the total property tax has increased from \$22,029,604 to \$47,975,377."

The secretary of state pointed out that the investment of the state of Oregon in its public buildings and equipment exceeds \$15,000,000.

## BUILDING SHOWS GOOD FORECAST

### FIRST HALF MONTH EXCEEDS SAME PERIOD OF 1922

Record Is Even More Remarkable Due to Bad Weather in First Week

With the first half month of the new year already gone by, indications of another active year in building construction are already noted. The total cost of buildings started so far this month is greater than that for the same period of 1922, and also greater than for the first 15 days of 1926.

In the two weeks of 1923 that have passed, 15 building permits totalling \$69,700 have been taken out. A year ago the first 15 days showed 27 permits, but the total was only \$55,100.

The largest single permit so far this year has been that of the Terminal Ice & Cold Storage company, for remodeling the old Larmer warehouse building on North Front street at a cost of \$41,000.

The record so far this year is all the more remarkable from the fact that weather conditions were especially unfavorable for the first week and a little more. This condition was noticeable in the almost entire lack of permits which it prevailed.

With better weather in the week just ended, the permits began to come in two and three a day. A year ago, on the contrary the activity was steady throughout the two weeks, due to favorable weather.

Thus it may be said that the record for the past week represents more than double the activity for a similar period a year ago.

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## M. E. CHURCH BLOWN UP

### Terrific Blast Rocks Trinity Building at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A bomb placed on a window ledge of the Trinity Methodist church and reported by the police to have been set off with a fuse, shortly before midnight wrecked an automobile parked nearby, damaged three buildings slightly and shattered windows. The church is that of the Rev. Bob Shuler, who has been active in leading vice crusades and in attacks upon alleged corrupt politicians.

The bomb was constructed of a section of iron pipe and filled with black powder, investigating detectives reported. It was placed on a window ledge of the church directly beneath a tower of the institution's radio broadcasting station. The scene was an alleyway between the church and Sunday school buildings, located in the edge of the downtown business district. The wrecked machine was parked in the alleyway.

The police reported a cornice of the church building also was blown off but that the entire damage was trivial.

## PRESIDENT MAY RESIGN

### Head of American Government in Nicaragua to Quit, Said

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 14 (AP)—Insistent rumors that President Diaz will resign shortly because of ill health are prevalent in Nicaragua.

Elected by the Nicaraguan congress after the intervention of American marines, Diaz has been chief executive since last November. He also was president from 1911 to 1917 and inaugurated Nicaragua's new currency, the national bank and other financial reforms.

General Carmen Diaz, brother of the president, told the Associated Press he had requested his brother to resign. The president has been a victim of malaria fever for some time and his family considers the strain of the coming election, in addition to the present strain brought about by the presence of American marines and pressure of political problems too great for him.

## DUCKED FROM AIRPLANE

### Daring Stunt Performed at Clearwater, Florida, Word

CLEARWATER, Fla., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Ducked in the ocean twice while he dangled from the landing gear of an airplane, then dragged 400 feet along the beach when the ship made a forced landing, Frank Heffling, stunt flier, tonight was little worse for his experience. He sustained a sprained ankle. Several thousand spectators witnessed the narrow escape.